

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Since pending claim 5 was not treated in this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Applicant assumes that the Office Action omitted claim 5 by mistake since it was not identified elsewhere.

The Office Action additionally indicates that claims 1-4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action. Since pending claim 5 was not treated in the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant assumes that the Office Action omitted claim 5 by mistake since it was not identified elsewhere.

Applicant has added new independent claim 6 which clearly identifies the claimed invention in a similar manner to amended independent claim 1. New independent claim 6 adds no new subject matter.

Summary of Claim Amendments

Claims 1-5 have been amended to further clarify the invention and correct any antecedent basis issues. Applicant has clarified certain terms in the claims to correspond to amended terms in the specification further clarifying the invention and present the claims in accordance with U.S. patent laws.

Response to 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Applicant has amended the claims to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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